

**Amendments to the Claims:**

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-27. (canceled)

Claim 28. (currently amended) Nickel powder, ~~characterised in that the powder is made by hydrogen reduction of an aqueous solution containing nickel sulphate, performed continuously in a pressurised space at a temperature between 80 – 180°C and a hydrogen pressure of 1 – 20 bar~~ in which 50% of the powder has a grain size greater than about 0.050 mm.

Claim 29. (currently amended) Nickel powder according to ~~patent~~ claim 28, ~~characterised in that a catalyst is used in reduction~~ by hydrogen reduction in the process of a catalyst of an aqueous solution containing nickel sulphate, performed continuously in a pressurised space at a temperature between 80 - 180°C and a hydrogen pressure of 1 – 20 bar.

Claim 30. (currently amended) Nickel powder according to ~~patent~~ claim 28, ~~characterised in that~~ having an the iron content of the nickel powder is 0.1 – 2.0%.

Claim 31. (currently amended) Nickel powder according to ~~patent~~ claim 28, ~~characterised in that~~ having an the iron content of the nickel powder is 0.6 – 1.4%.

Claims 32-36. (canceled)